

# REVISED AGENDA

## EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 • 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. • Room C445 State Capitol

### 1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the April 16, 2008 meeting

### 2. Civic and Character Education

*Legislation enacted in the 2006 General Session created the Commission on Civic and Character Education to promote and make recommendations for civic and character education in public schools, and, in 2008, the Legislature passed S.C.R. 2, which expresses support for civic education and Utah's Legislators Back to School Program. The Committee will receive information on the Legislators Back to School Program and initiatives of the Commission on Civic and Character Education.*

- LaVar Christensen
- Lt. Governor Gary R. Herbert and Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, Commission on Civic and Character Education
- Shelley Day, Legislative Information Liaison, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

### 3. International Baccalaureate Program

*S.B. 2, Minimum School Program Budget Amendments, enacted in the 2008 General Session, provided \$100,000 for distribution to school districts and charter schools for International Baccalaureate programs. Sen. Dayton will address the governance of International Baccalaureate programs.*

- Sen. Margaret Dayton

### 4. Class-size Reduction

*The Office of the Legislative Auditor General will review its audit of class-size reduction funds, and the Committee will consider draft legislation to require school districts and charter schools to meet class-size standards to qualify for class-size reduction funds.*

- Leslie Marks, Lead Auditor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General
- Dee Larsen, Associate General Counsel

### 5. Sunset Review of a Grant Program for Licensed Teachers

*Utah Code Section 53A-6-112, which creates a grant program for licensed teachers, will be repealed on July 1, 2009 unless the Legislature takes action to reauthorize or modify the program. Under the program, licensed teachers may receive a grant to minimize out-of-pocket expenses to: 1) take tests to meet highly qualified teaching standards; or 2) obtain certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.*

- Rep. Kory Holdaway
- Sydnee Dickson, Educator Quality and Licensing Director, Utah State Office of Education
- Sen. Mark Madsen

### 6. Other Items / Adjourn